RAJYA SABHA

Monday, the 9th December, 2002/18 Agrahayana, 1924 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock,

MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Sir, the issue of killing of Nagappa...*(Interruptions)*.*

श्री सभापति: आप बैठ जाइए। आप बिना अनुमति के बोल रहे हैं। यह रिकॉर्ड पर नहीं जा रहा है। इस संबंध में हम ने विचार किया है कि यह विषय किस तरह से लाया जाए। अब होम मिनिस्टर आ जाएं और सब आ जाएं तब जाकर बात करेंगे।

PHCs in Himachal Pradesh

*261. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to upgrade the existing Primary Health Centres in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of funds received from the World Bank for upgradation of existing PHCs during the last three years; and

(e) the funds utilised, so far, for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement

(a) to (e) Himachal Pradesh has 302 Primary Health Centres (PHCs). Recurring and non-recurring expenditure on the PHCs is made by the State Government out of their own budget. However, for strengthening the delivery of services under the National Health Programmes, assistance is provided by the Government of India both in cash and kind.

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*Not recorded.

For providing mother and child health care services, funds are provided to States to engage the services of Laboratory Technicians, additional ANMs, staff nurses and equipments. Financial assistance is also provided for immunisation and cold chain maintenance activities particularly for conducting pulse polio camps, training of functionaries and carrying out of repairs and refurbishing of PHCs. Substantial portion of funds released for these activities is made out of the World Bank assisted Reproductive and Child Health project which is under implementation throughout the country. In addition, an RCH sub-project with World Bank assistance is in operation in Kinnaur District since 1997 with an outlay of Rs. 3.65 crores. Under this sub-project, 3 Primary Health Centres and 11 sub-centres are under construction and 39 health care facilities are under repair.

The activity-wise funds released to the State of Himachal Pradesh for the last three years under RCH Programme is enclosed as statement-I.

Statement - I

Activity-wise funds released to State of Himachal Pradesh under RCH Programme

Sl.No.	Activity	Funds released (Rs.)		
		1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002
1.	Major Civil Work	0	0	45,73,000
2.	Lab. Technician	0	0	17,46,000
3.	SCOW Staff	0	0	3,50,000
4.	24 hrs. Delivery	0	26,95,000	0
5.	Referral Transport	0	22,45,000	0
6.	C.C.Maint./Int. Safe	3,06,000	8,00,000	8,01,000
7.	E.C. Registers	0	65,000	0
8.	Vanaspati Van	0	50,00,000	25,00,000
9.	Outreach Services	0	0	5,28,000
10.	PPI	2,28,37,600	66,07,351	1,00,44,200
11.	MCH Registers	0	1,02,000	1,22,200
12.	CAN/TFA	0	1,34,000	0
13.	Contingency	0	4,00,000	0
14.	ZSS	7,82,000	0	0
15.	Training	37,22,854	40,16,769	0
16.	Rev. Meet/Mob. Support	0	0	2,16,060
17.	Sub-project	0	0	50,00,000

श्री अनिल शर्मा: चेयरमैन सर, माननीय मंत्री जी ने अपने जवाब में कहा है कि 302 प्राथमिक हैल्थ सेंटर्स प्रदेश के अंदर हैं जिस में स्टेट गवर्नमेंट को बजट सपोर्ट करनी पड़ती है। लेकिन स्टेट गवर्नमेंट की फायनेंशियल पोजीशन के माध्यम से उन को डाउनग्रेड किया जा रहा है। मै आप के माध्यम से माननीय मंत्री जी से पूछना चाहूंगा कि क्या नब्बे के दशक के प्रारंभ में वर्ल्ड बैंक को प्रदेश सरकार के द्वारा कोई प्रस्ताव भेजा गया था? यदि भेजा गया था तो क्या वह वर्ल्ड बैंक के सामने रखा गया था दूसरे, मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से यह भी पूछना चाहूंगा कि बहुत से ऐसे प्रदेश हैं, जैसे पंजाब, कर्नाटक और दूसरे राज्य, जिन को वर्ल्ड बैंक की तरफ से इन वर्ल्ड बैंक हैल्थ इंस्टीट्यूशंस को स्ट्रैंदन करने के लिए आर्थिक मदद दी जाती है। मेरी जानकारी के मुताबिक अभी राजस्थान और उत्तरांचल को इस में शामिल किया गया है। इसे मद्देनजर रखते हुए कि वर्ल्ड बैंक की सहायता के बावजूद उन प्रदेशों को मेजर एक्सटर्नली एडेड प्रोजेक्ट्स भी दिए जाते हैं, क्या मंत्री जी इस बात का ध्यान रखेंगे कि हिमाचल प्रदेश को भी इस के लिए कंसीडर किया जाएगा?

SHRI A. RAJA: Sir, as far as Himachal Pradesh is concerned, the World Bank assistance is already there. An outlay of Rs. 3.65 crores has been made to the State of Himachal Pradesh, under which 3 primary health centres and 11 sub-centres have been proposed to be upgraded; and the process is on. So far, 3 or 5 sub-centres have been upgraded. Tenders for the other sub-centres have been floated and the work is on. Regarding other States, some of the States have submitted their proposals through this Ministry for World Bank assistance. As the House is aware, in regard to such projects where external assistance is involved, the Finance Ministry has to be consulted. The States of Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Assam, Madhya Pradesh, Kerala, Jammu and Kashmir and Tripura have made their submissions, and the same have been sent to the Finance Ministry for approval. Subject to the approval from the Finance Ministry, it will be implemented in course of time.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I think you should be satisfied with the reply. You have got everything.

SHRI ANIL SHARMA: No, Sir, Himachal Pradesh is not considered in this. चेयरमैन, सर, इसमें हिमाचल प्रदेश को कंसीडर नहीं किया गया। यदि हिमाचल प्रदेश का कोई प्रपोजल मंत्री जी के पास आए तो क्या उसको कंसीडर किया जाएगा? दूसरा, मेरा माननीय मंत्री जी से यह भी अनुरोध है कि जब वर्ल्ड बैंक के लिए प्रपोजल दिए जाते हैं, जैसे आपका यह लिखित में भी है, आपने हमारे ट्राइबल क्षेत्र किन्नौर के अंदर 3 करोड़ 65 लाख की योजना स्वीकृत की है, मेरा मंत्री जी से यह अनुरोध रहेगा...

श्री सभापति : आप अनुरोध मत करिए, अपना क्वैश्चन करिए।

श्री अनिल शर्मा : सर, मैं इसमें यह क्वैश्चन पूछना चाहता हूँ कि जो इसमें गाइडलाइन दी गई थीं, उन गाइडलाइनों के अनुरूप इस ट्राइबल क्षेत्र में काम करना मुश्किल होता है, क्या मंत्री जी उसमें यह प्रयास करेंगे कि हिमाचल प्रदेश स्टेट की भौगोलिक स्थिति को देखते हुए उन गाइडलाइनों को कम किया जाए? धन्यवाद।

SHRI A. RAJA: Sir, first of all, I want to submit before the House that Himachal Pradesh is one of the States which has got adequate sub-centres, adequate PHCs and adequate CHCs, compared to other States. According to the 1998 Census Report, some of the States have not got adequate infrastructure, whereas Himachal Pradesh has got adequate infrastructure, so far as sub-centres and Primary Health Centres are concerned. Apart from that, as I said, from 1997 onwards, a World Bank-assisted scheme for five years is being implemented, at a cost of Rs. 3.65 crores. It will be over in 2003. After 2003, if any proposal comes from Himachal Pradesh, I will consider it.

SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Sir, I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether the Government is satisfied with the modernisation programme being undertaken, under the World Bank-assisted scheme. Secondly, apart from modernisation, I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether the Government is thinking of opening more PHCs, considering the number of existing PHCs. I would also like to know from the hon. Minister, as regards Karnataka, whether the Government has released any funds, as was done in the case of other States. They are not satisfied with the PHCs in Karnataka. The PHCs in Karnataka are not working properly. Are you going to modernise them? Are you going to increase the number of PHCs? There are only tables and chairs. There are no nurses and doctors. If there is a doctor, there is no medicine. There are no ambulances. They are not at all working properly. What does the Government propose to do in this regard? Please let me know.

SHRI A. RAJA: Sir, overall, there are 1,37,000 sub-centres and 25,000 Primary Health Centres in the country. So far as Karnataka is concerned, the World Bank had sanctioned Rs. 546 crores in the year 1996. This amount has to be spent over a period of five years. The Government of Karnataka is fully cooperating with the World Bank and the Government of India. The scheme is on. If any prooosal comes, after the implementation of this scheme, the Government of India will consider it.

MISS MABEL REBELLO: Sir, today's 'Statesman', carries an article, "Family Planning Takes Precedence Over Basics". Andhra Pradesh is becoming an ultra-China. The Chief Minister is providing disincentives, if the people do not adopt family planning, like withdrawal of ration cards, discontinuation of supply of rice and other essentials, disconnection of electricity, social ostracism, etc. These are the things being practised, I mean, the State is advocating. Sir, can you imagine the condition of the people, when they are already poor, if electricity is disconnected and their ration cards are taken away? What sort of things are these ? Are we going the China way? What does it want to do? (*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: This supplementary does not arise out of this question. Question No. 261.

*262. [The questioners (Shri Suresh Pachouri and Shri Moolchand Meena) were absent. For answer *vide* page 52 *infra*.]

Uniform stamp duty

*263. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:††
SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering reduction in stamp duty on real estate deals to a uniform level all over the country;

(b) whether this move is aimed at attracting more investment in the real estate sector;

(c) whether stamp duty is a State subject; and

(d) if so, how Government propose to overcome the objections from the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O.RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

(a) Rationalisation of stamp duty all over the country to not more than 5% by the end of Xth Plan is being taken up as an urban reform measure which has been included in the draft Memorandum of Agreement

††The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shrimati N.P. Durga.